

## CONCERT, OPERA DRAMA SERIES

PRESENTS

COMMENCEMENT CONCERT

# THIS STRUGGLE CALLED AMERICA

A Drama in Three Parts with Narrative and Music

featuring
The University Symphony Orchestra
and Combined Choirs

Conducted by Michael Moore
Directed by Shawn MacDonald
Choral Preparation by Warren Cook and Beth Eubank

Script compiled and adapted by Darren Lawson, Erin Naler and Shawn MacDonald

#### PROLOGUE

Ceremonial Fanfare
The Star-Spangled BannerJohn Stafford Smith arr. Dwight Gustafson University Choirs, Orchestra, Readers, Audience
ACT I THE STRUGGLE TO BECOME FREE
"Chester" from <i>New England Triptych</i> William Schuman <i>Orchestra</i>
Letter to Abigail Adams
Canticle of Freedom
ACT II THE STRUGGLE TO LIVE FREE "Prologue" from <i>Western Star</i> Stephen Vincent Benét <i>Reader</i>
Frontier Suite
Orchestra

"The Blue and the Gray"
Ashokan Farewell/Sullivan Ballou Letter
Liberty Fanfare
INTERMISSION*
ACT III THE STRUGGLE TO REMAIN FREE
War Letters
"Portraits of Grief" compiled by Erin Naler Helen Crossin-Kittle: Just Starting a Family Jeffrey Mark Dingle: The Missing Ring John DiFato: Joined at the Heart

Memorial			
University Choirs, Orchestra			
Armed Forces Salute			
EPILOGUE			
America the Beautiful			

#### READERS

Jeanine Aumiller, Ryan Meers, Andrew Bailes

#### NARRATOR

David Burke

#### ORCHESTRA

Double Bass	Horn	Joe Lee
Alex Jones†*	Jill Parry†	Melissa Whiddon
Amber Eubanks*	Rebekah Powell	
Don Barrett*	John Belanger	Harp
Kathryn Hughes*	Ben Bruemmer	Lydia Bianco
		Paula Karmin
Flute	Trumpet	
Angela Stockard†	Joseph Ellison†	Piano
Cherith Hamilton	Jocelyn Sorrell	Amy Dodgens
Laura Hayden,	Chloe Holmes	, 8
piccolo	Ryan Nichols**	† principal
1	Matthew Cruice**	* faculty/staff/
Oboe	Stephen Rennie**	graduate assistant/
Chelsea Cox†	2007	guest
Mike VerWay	Trombone	** off-stage trumpets
Wirke ver way	Thomas Aldmon†	on stage trampets
English Horn	Nathan Phillips	Soloists
Robert Chest*	Wayne Fitzgerald	
Robert Chest	wayne Mizgeraid	Joseph Ensley guitar
Clarinet	Tuba	Jonathan Ensley
Jackie Olinger†	Corrinne Word	banjo
Stephanie Claus*		Samuel Stephens
Seephanie Saud	Timpani	harmonica
Bass Clarinet	Rob Schoolfield*	nai momea
Arnold Alier*	rob benotified	Special Thanks
ATTIOIQ ATTICE	Percussion	Jay Bopp*
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#### **CHOIRS**

Forrest Brazeal†

Caleb Houck

Jon Lee

#### Collegiate Choir

Michael McGinn†\*

Alex Fields\*

Bassoon

#### Fred Coleman, director

bagpipes

Soprano: Jamie Cornelius, Stephanie Greenwood, Hannah Hancock, Tabitha Hoyt, Becca Merrill, Janae Pierson, Amanda Porter, Stephany Waycaster Alto: Karla Camil Beasley, Emily Downing, Janine Fox, Kimmie Gast, Mel Magdziarz, Natalie Pierce, Marianne Utley Tenor: Taylor Bancroft, Mac Cox, Isaac Friend, Brendan Kelley, Alex Vedder, Nathan Villanova, Andy Woodard Bass: Isaac Greene, Andrew Harry, Joshua Pitts, Brandon Unruh, Matt Wakefield, Tim Waycaster, Jordan Wellin

#### Concert Choir

#### Beth Eubank, director

Soprano I: Emily Allen, Christina Bianchi, Angela Hawkey, Erin Kile, Megan Kingsbury, Anne Largent, Amanda Lockard, Delayna West Soprano II: Laurel Barrett, Ashley King, Jodianne Lindmark, Leah Sargent, Rosie Schaedel, Rachael Strait, Andrea Youngblood Alto I: Lauren Beard, Kara Felber, Krista Huba, Erica Jung, Jessica Milby, Angela Miles Alto II: Melissa Creel, Renee Fleming, Sarah Graf, Jeanette Laxton, Judy Morehouse, Anna Ream Tenor II: Joseph Brader, Zach Calhoun, Nathan Dupont, Daniel Minnick Tenor II: Jared Poe, Dave Cone, Garrison Parrish, Tim Zellers Bass I: Micah Broyles, Dave Galvin, Caleb Greene, Ethan Simpson, Bass II: Harrison Beckmann, Jay Hale, Jonathan Holland, James Mann, Ryan Southard

#### Chorale Warren Cook, director

Soprano I: Amanda Collins, Lauren Cunningham, Sarai Dahlhausen, Pamela Dodson, Lydia Schaefer, Becca Williams Soprano II: Alli Anderson, Kiley Godsey, Megan Hamilton, Callie Mason, Angie Ouillette, Kaitlynn Tompkins Alto I: Carrie Bird, Stephanie Darlin, Faith Houck, Tamra Jones, Erin Willis Alto II: Megan Anthony, Ruth Blaj, Kristin Frazier, Katy Hendricks, Meghan Leach Tenor I: Dustin Battles, Travis Bloom, Micah Felber, John Robertson, Jason Rush Tenor II: Ben Archibald, Jonathan Cleghorn, John Hudson, Ethan Weaver, Trevor Whitfield, Brad Wiggs Bass I: Peter Anglea, Justen Blackstone, Andrew Huish, Tim Renner, Philip Shambaugh, Brett Smith Bass II: Bill Eisaman, Caleb French, Bryant Graves, Niah Merrill, Matt Wally

#### PRODUCTION STAFF

Production Manager	Rodney McCarty
Technical Director	Chris Godwin
Audio Supervisor	Max Masters
Assistant Director	Christopher Nicholas
Media Designers Jared Stanley, Tory Marti	n, Christopher Zydowicz

### FOUNDER'S MEMORIAL AMPHITORIUM May 6, 2011, 8 p.m.

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